GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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SALE OF READYMADE GARMENTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign companies are selling readymade garments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their turn over during each of the last three years till date, company-wise;

(c) its likely affect on domestic companies; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide level playing field for the domestic companies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (d): The details of firms, sales, turnover etc. of foreign companies selling ready-made garments in the country are not maintained.

Imports are governed by market forces subject to export-import policy in force from time to time. The liberalised trading regime would result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities; and at the same time expose the domestic industry to import penetration in the domestic market. The industry will have to improve its efficiency and productivity to meet the emerging global competition.
Government have been taking several steps to strengthen and provide a level playing field to the textiles and clothing industry. Some of the important initiatives are as under:-

1) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of ready-made garment from the SSI sector.

2) Government has imposed a combination of ad-valorem and specific duty on `whichever is higher basis` on import of a number of textile items to safeguard the interest of domestic industry.
3) In case any unfair trade practices come to the notice, action, if necessary, under anti-dumping, countervailing measures etc. of the WTO could be taken.

4) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUF) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and Upgradation of this sector so that it can become more competitive in international trade.

5) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

6) The new Textile Policy has recently been announced to provide the policy direction for orderly and sustained development and growth of the textile industry in a harmonious way and to give a thrust to textile exports.